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**WACO MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR
POSSESSING AND DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

(Waco, Texas) **United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced today that, 59-year-old **JOSEPH GILES** was sentenced to 72 months in federal prison and fined \$6,000 for possessing and distributing child pornography.

On April, 26, 2003, Chief U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr., found Giles guilty of six counts of possession and distribution of child pornography. Testimony during trial revealed that Giles collected and distributed child pornography via the Internet using the screen names "segabear" and "Ped O. Phile."

U.S. Customs Service agents, after being presented with evidence of Giles's activities by British authorities, executed a search warrant at Giles' residence and seized a computer and three hard drives. In excess of 100 image files and other materials containing child pornography were seized from Giles' computer.

"This case is a prime example of the federal government's commitment to prosecute individuals like Mr. Giles who use the Internet to exploit our children who are virtually defenseless against sexual predators," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

This case was initiated by the British National Crime Squad and investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE). Assistant United States Attorney Greg Gloff prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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